

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **PROGRAM AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION G-00-19—ENVIRONMENTAL  
ENHANCEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM (EEM)**

## **ISSUE:**

The Tuolumne County Land Trust (TCLT) requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the program amendment of CTC Resolution G-00-19 to change the scope to substitute the purchase of 37 acres of Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property (Project #88) with 60-acres of Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch. The Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property was withdrawn from the market after the July 20, 2000, Commission allocation. The Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch property is of equal environmental value, its cost is less per acre allowing TCLT to purchase more land (23 additional acres) for the original total of \$254,500. The original \$248,500 allocation, \$6,000 match and the reimbursement rate of 97.64% will not change.

Also, the County of San Diego requests that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the program amendment of CTC Resolution G-00-19 to change the scope to substitute the purchase of 24-acres of San Dieguito River/Lusardi Creek property (Project #133) with 253-acres of Derbas property. The San Dieguito River/Lusardi Creek property was withdrawn from the market after the July 20, 2000 Commission allocation. The Derbas property is of equal value; however, the County will be providing an additional local match in the amount of \$3,050,000 due to the increase in acreage. The \$250,000 allocation amount will remain the same but the match amount will be increased by \$2,800,000 due to the increase in the number of acres being purchased. The reimbursement rate will change from 50% to 7.58%.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends approval of the attached Resolution to allow Tuolumne County Land Trust and the County of San Diego to change its scope to purchase the Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch property. These projects have a concurrent allocation amendments under 2.5c(5) and 2.5c(7).

**BACKGROUND:**

The Tuolumne County Land Trust (TCLT) and the County of San Diego (CSD) attempted to purchase the Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property and the San Dieguito/Lusardi property, respectively; however, after the Commission allocation both sellers withdrew their offers. The TCLT found another property for sale, Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch, of equal value, but with more acreage for the same allocation. This will allow them to fulfill the goals and objectives of the original application approved by the Resource Agency. This is project number EEM 2000(88).

The County of San Diego was also successful in locating another site, the Derbas property, of equal value but with more acreage than the original approval; however the request is for the same amount in EEM funds. This will allow CSD to fulfill the goals and objectives of the original application approved by the Resources Agency. This is project number EEM 2000(133).

Attachments

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01 ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT  
AND MITIGATION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Resolution G-02-\_\_\_\_  
Amending Resolution G-00-19

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, establishes the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, this program provides \$10 million annually for environmental enhancement and mitigation projects that are directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of modifying existing transportation facilities or for the design, construction or expansion of new transportation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Resources Agency is charged with evaluating proposals submitted for this program and providing a list of proposals recommended for funding to the California Transportation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission is responsible for awarding grants to fund proposals that are included on the list prepared by the Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Commission's approval on July 20, 2000 of said list, the owner of the Andrew Creek/Table Mountain property to be purchased by the Tuolumne County Land Trust withdrew its offer for sale; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Commission's approval on July 20, 2000 of said list, the owner of the San Dieguito River/Lusardi Creek property to be purchased by the County of San Diego withdrew its offer for sale; and

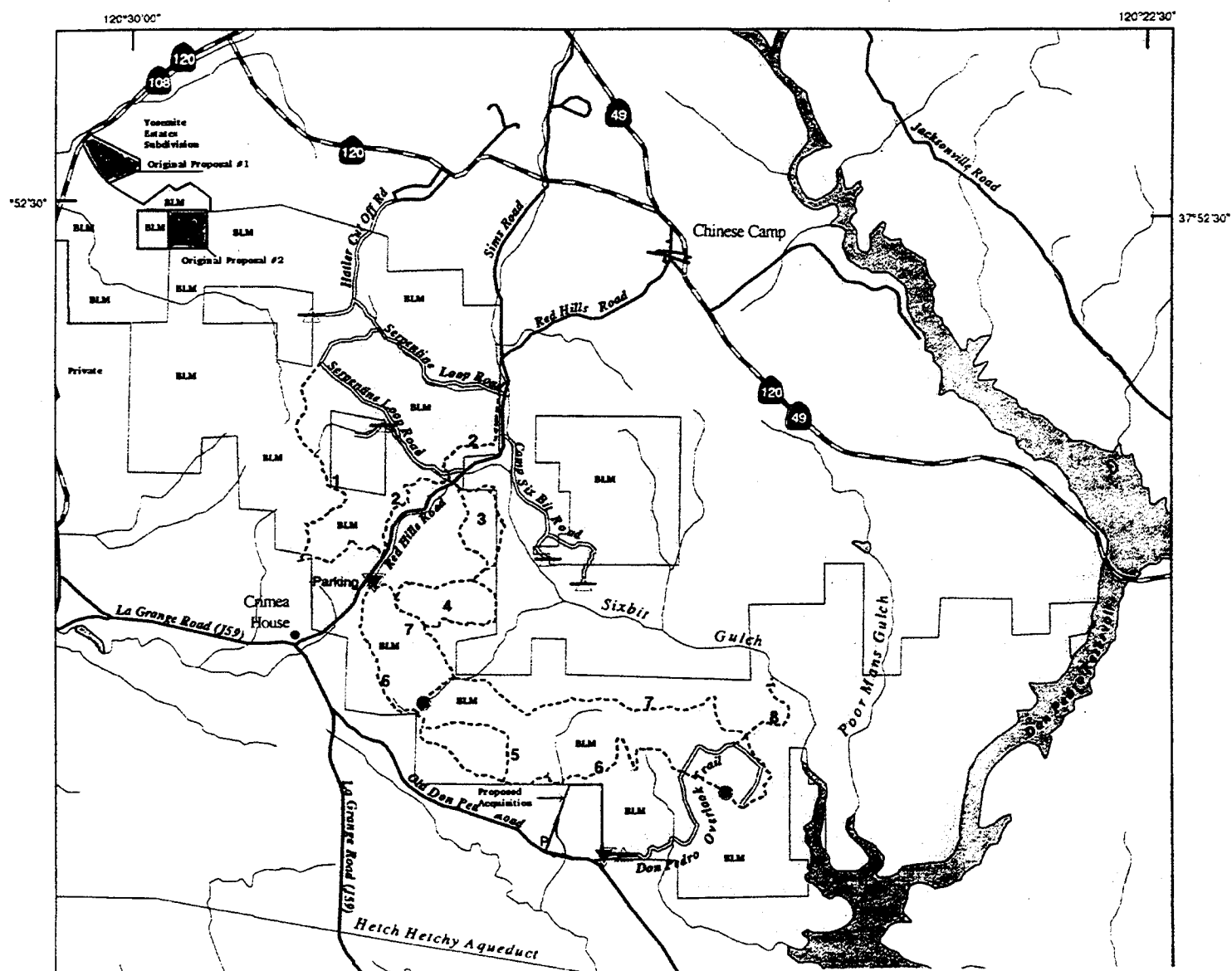
WHEREAS, both the Tuolumne County Land Trust and the County of San Diego have located substitute property as follows:

- Tuolumne County Land Trust (Project #88) – 60-acres of equal environmental value in Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch - \$248,000 (EEM) and \$6,000 (local match); reimbursement rate will remain the same at 97.64%.

- County of San Diego (Project #133) – 253-acres of equal value of Derbas property - \$250,000 (EEM) and \$3,050,000 (local match); reimbursement rate will be reduced from 50% to 7.58% based on the higher local match for the increased acreage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission revises the Fiscal Year 2000-01 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, to reflect the following:

- Tuolumne County Land Trust (Project #88) – 60-acres in Old Don Pedro/Big Creek Ranch for \$248,000 in EEM funds and \$6,000 in local match funds with a reimbursement rate of 97.64%; and
- County of San Diego (Project #133) – 253-acres of Derbas property for \$250,000 in EEM funds and \$3,050,000 in local match funds with a reimbursement rate of 7.58%.



CTC Agenda Item 2.1f(1): San Diego: Substitute Lusardi Creek property for Derbas Property

